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*Box Patent Application*

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Continuation Utility Patent Application Under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Based on Int'l. Appl. No. PCT/GB98/02664; Int'l. Filing Date: September 4, 1998  
Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: HEREWITH (March 2, 2000)  
For: **Regulation of Protein Secretion**  
Inventors: John Edward HESKETH; Albert TAULER; Ian Fraser PRYME  
Our Ref: 0623.0820001/REF

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Regulation of Protein Secretion**

and naming as inventors:

John Edward HESKETH;  
Albert TAULER; and  
Ian Fraser PRYME

and claiming priority to GB Application No. 9718908.8, filed September 5, 1997;

the application comprising a total of 28 pages:

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a. A specification containing:

(i) 25 pages of description prior to the claims;

(ii) 2 pages of claims (8 claims);

(iii) a one (1) page abstract;

b. 4 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-5, 6A and 6B);

2. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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		<b>First Inventor or Application Identifier</b>	John Edward HESKETH et al.
		<b>Title</b>	Regulation of Protein Secretion
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<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b> <i>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</i>		Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231
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 Brief Summary of the Invention  
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3.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
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10.  English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
11.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
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